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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: USG FMS CASE DELINQUENCIES - KUWAIT

REF: A. STATE 091698 DTG 212351Z APR 75

B. KUWAIT 1441 DTG 021148Z APR 75

C. DA 021928Z MAY 75

1. EMBASSY GRATEFUL FOR INFO CONTAINED REFTTEL (A) WHICH EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS. SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. FOLLOWING COMMENTARY PROVIDED TO FURTHER CLARIFY LOCAL SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO DELINQUENT FMS CASES. ADDITIONAL ACTIONS REQUIRED ARE SUMMARIZED.

2. COMMENTARY:

A. CASES UBP AND UBJ -- AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR PARTS AND TRUCKS: GOK CLAIMS IT HAS PAID IN FULL. SUSPECT 1.4 MIL ARRERAS UBP INVOLVED WITH 1.1 MIL OVERPAID STATUS OF CASE
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UBJ. EMBASSY WILL SEARCH RECORDS AND ADVISE.

B. CASE UBP AND UCB -- AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR PARTS FOR 5 TON
AND 1/4 TON TRUCKS:

(1) SPARE PARTS ARE ARRIVING IN MODERATELY TO SEVERELY
DAMAGED CONTAINERS. DAMAGES HAVE BEEN REPORTED VIA
OUTTURN CARGO MESSAGES. DA HAS DIRECTED EVALUATION OF LEVEL
OF PACK BY AMC. TO DATE, NO INFO RECEIVED WHETHER LEVEL OF
PACK WILL BE IMPROVED. PICTURES OF DAMAGED CONTAINERS,
ETC., HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DA.

(2) MANY PACKAGES BEING SENT/RECEIVED VIA INTERNATIONAL
AIRMAIL AT HIGH COST TO GOK (APPROXIMATELY US DOLS 4 PER
LB). END ITEM EQUIPMENT, EXCEPT FOR SIX EACH M151A2, ARE
STILL IN CONUS. USE OF FREIGHT FORWARDER ON PART OF GOK HAS
BEEN DISCUSSED.

(3) PROBLEMS RELATING TO THESE FMS SHIPMENTS ARE COMPLI-
CATED. APPROXIMATELY 100 MESSAGES SENT ON SUBJECT FROM
EMBASSY. KUWAIT FMS CARGO HAS BEEN ERRONEOUSLY SHIPPED TO
DAMMAM, SAUDI ARABIA, AND BANDUR SHAPUR, IRAN. ALSO,
NICARAGUAN CARGO SHIPPED TO KUWAIT. DA STAFF (DALO-ILM)
HAS MOST OF MESSAGE TRAFFIC.

(4) HQ EAMTMC HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A MAJOR CONUS
DEPOT HAD FAILED TO PURGE ITS COMPUTER BASE AND ITS SHIP-
MENT DOCUMENTATION WAS ERRONOUS. GOK WELL AWARE THIS ERROR.
SERVICE IN THIS AREA HAS RECENTLY IMPROVED.

(5) OVERALL DAMAGED CARGO AND DOCUMENTATION PROBLEMS
ARE OF CONSIDERABLE LOCAL CONCERN. PRESENTLY THERE ARE FIVE
SHIPS IN PORT WITH PARTS, ETC., UNDER THESE TWO CASES.
IF CARGO NOT IN BETTER CONDITION THEN PREVIOUS SHIPMENTS,
EMBASSY WILL REQUEST SUSPENSION OF SHIPMENTS UNTIL PREVENT-
ATIVE ACTION IS TAKEN. THIS COULD BE EITHER HIRING OF
FREIGHT FORWARDER BY GOK OR USE OF STAGING POINT, REPACKING
ETC., BY USG. GOK APPEARS AMENABLE TO HIRING FREIGHT
FORWARDER.

C. CASE UCF -- TECHNICAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH TOW:
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CASE CALLED FOR NEW EQUIPMENT TRAINING TEAM FOR SIX WEEKS--
CONTRACT LET WITH HUGHES FOR FIVE WEEKS. MATTER RESOLVED,
BUT ONLY AFTER SEVERAL MESSAGES FROM EMBASSY AND INTERVEN-
TION BY DA.

D. CLOTHING AND TEXTILES -- CASE UCL: RESTATED CASE RE-
QUESTED IN AUGUST 74, RECEIVED 8 JANUARY 1975. SIGNED
15 JAN 75. NOTE 9 OF CASE PARTICULARLY PERTINENT.

E. CASE UAJ -- TOW DEMO: ALL LOCAL RECORDS THIS CASE DESTROYED OCTOBER 73 WHEN EMBASSY BURNED ALL BUT MOST ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS. REQUEST PROVIDE COPY OF CASE AND ANY BILLINGS. ALSO REQUEST QUERY MR. J. HOENING, DSAA, AND COL T.J. KELLY, USMC, (FORMERLY WITH OSD/ISA). EMBASSY WOULD PREFER NOT LET GOK NOW WE MAY BE HAVING ACCOUNTING PROBLEMS WITH OUR/THEIR FUNDS IN ADDITION TO OTHER PROBLEMS.

F. CASE UAP -- 1/4 TON VEHICLES: MECHANICAL PROBLEMS PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, GOK STILL DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY 2-3 MONTHS REQUIRED TO INSPECT 519, AND RELEASE 273 VEHICLES WITHOUT MODIFICATION. IT WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE LOCALLY IF SOME PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION COULD BE PROVIDED. PAINTING COSTS APPEAR INORDINATELY HIGH AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GENERATE STRONG PROTESTS FROM THE GOK.

G. CASE UBA -- 1/4 TON TRAILERS: DOLLARS 45,000 INCREASE ON A 61,000 CASE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO GOK, AS WILL LACK OF ACTION AND COMMUNICATION ON MATTER. REQUEST ADVISE DELIVERY TIMES WITH AND WITHOUT PAINTING. EXPECT GOK VIEW WILL BE THAT DA AND GOK HAD CONTRACT WHICH GOK LIVED UP TO -- IT PAID, BUT DA HASN'T DELIVERED.

H. CASE UAG -- TOW MISSILE: CASE IS NOW ON SCHEDULE. SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH INSTALLMENTS WERE SHIPPED TOGETHER TO BENEFIT THE GOK. THIS APPRECIATED. FOUR-MAN QUALITY ASSURANCE TEAM FOR FIRST SHIPMENT NUMBERED ONLY TWO AND TOW-MAN TEAM FOR SECOND SHIPMENT SHRANK TO ONE. TEAMS DID OUTSTANDING JOB, BUT GOK IS AWARE OF MISSING MEN AND HAS LINGERING DOUBTS RE PHANTOM PERSONNEL.

3. EMBASSY MOST HAPPY TO ACCEPT DEPARTMENT'S OFFER SEND DA
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REP TO REVIEW DA/KUWAIT PROGRAMS WITH GOK. WILL ADVISE
OF SUITABLE DATE.

4. SINCE AMBASSADOR AND VISITING DIGNITARIES CONSTANTLY ASSAILED WITH QUESTIONS RE FMS DELINQUENCIES, REQUEST FOR MONTHLY STATUS AAS REQUESTED REFTEL (B) IS REAFFIRMED. LATEST VISITOR, ADM SHEAR (CINCUSNAVEUR) WAS QUERIED.

5. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS APPROXIMATELY 250 VEHICLES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT IHAWK. PAST EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT LEAD TIME IS SUCH THAT WE SHOULD RECOMMEND GOK PROCURE THEM NOW IF TRUCKS ARE TO MEET IHAWK SCHEDULE. IN VIEW OF PAST PERFORMANCE RECORD, WE ARE SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW TO APPROACH MATTER. A MERCEDES-EQUIPPED IHAWK BN IS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY IF OUR PERFORMANCE DOES NOT IMPROVE.

6. EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SITUATION AS REPORTED REFTEL (C) ARE
MUCH APPREICATED.

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